

APPENDIX 4 FISH AND WILDLIFE

PRIMARY AGENCY: Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife

SUPPORT AGENCIES: Washington State Department of Agriculture
Washington State Department of Health
Washington State Diagnostic Disease Laboratory
Washington State Veterinary Medical Association
United States Department of Agriculture
Animal Support Agencies and Organizations

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Appendix is to provide wildlife expertise and information to involved agencies in the event a foreign animal disease threatens or extends to free ranging wildlife populations.

- A. This Appendix will be the coordinating body responsible for dealing with a threat or actual outbreak or foreign animal disease in free ranging wildlife.
- B. The Director of the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife or his designate will chair this Appendix. Representatives of the support will comprise the Wildlife Committee.
- C. Other non-government organizations as the Humane Society, Progressive Animal Welfare Society, Washington Animal Control Association, and other animal advocate groups may be consulted.

II. RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. Establishes and maintains channels of communication with state and federal agencies which are dealing with the disease outbreak in domestic animals.
- B. Maintains an awareness of wildlife conditions in the region and is familiar with species of wildlife having emergency animal disease significance.
- C. Is familiar with the topography, wildlife density, and methods of control and dispersal of wildlife.
- D. Reviews maps showing locations of wildlife populations. If wildlife becomes involved, recommends the general area to be included in the quarantine and buffer zones around the outbreak.
- E. Determines the need for personnel for administration, diagnosis, depopulation, disposal, and enforcement in the event of an emergency animal disease outbreak involving wildlife.

- F. Establishes procedures for conducting surveys of the wildlife populations in an outbreak area to determine incidence of disease.
- G. Will identify methods of humane collection and preservation of specimens for laboratory analysis.
- H. Will determine which species are becoming ill or dying.
- I. Plans for collection of diagnosis specimens and identifies laboratories where needed tests can be conducted in a timely manner.
- J. Directs and coordinates efforts to control and depopulate a specific game animal in a given area.
- K. Advises and assists in depopulation of uncontrolled and unconfined non-game species.
- L. Plans and coordinates for the deposition of diseased carcasses.
- M. Identified wildlife rehabilitators, which might be of service.
- N. Prepares news releases giving justification for testing and killing wildlife if indicated.
- O. Will be prepared to conduct public meetings and respond to animal rights advocates.
- P. Cooperates with state and federal disease reporting personnel by submitting required reports in a timely manner.